A series of 14 powerful bomb blasts took place in the afternoon of February 14, 1998 in Coimbatore which claimed a number of lives, besides leaving a large number injured. Subsequently, there were seizures of a large quantity of explosives and intelligence reports indicated the need for close monitoring of the situation. The issue was also discussed in a Zonal Review meeting taken by the Union Home Secretary on March 12, 1998 and subsequently, as a part of further follow-up action and detailed interaction with the State Government officials on the law and order situation a Central Team was sent.

The report while taking note of the ground level situation has carefully emphasised on certain remedial measures such as relentless drive against fundamentalist and terrorist elements, optimum use of intelligency machinery, a definite Action Plan against the potential trouble makers, pursuing of confidence-building measures more vigorously etc. Follow-up actions on these lines have initiated by the State Government.

(d) The report of the Central Team was essentially an administrative excercise of a sensitive nature. It will not be public interest to disclose its contents further.

(e) There is no such proposal yet.

Institutions receiving Foreign Money

60. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether there has been an increase in the number of institutions receiving foreign money after econom f" liberalisation;

(b)whether the amount of foreign money has also increased;

(c)what are the State-wise details of these institutions indication a comparative account from the year 1991 to 1997; and

(d) whether Government are going to make any arrangements to review the utilisation of foreign money?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information upto the year 1995-96 if available in the Annual Reports on the receipt of foreign contribution by voluntary associations, copies of which are available in the Parliament library. The report for the Year 1996-97 is under compilation.

(d) Such a review is already taking place based on the annual returns required to be filed by organization registered/granted prior permission under the Foreign Contribution (Regulations) Act., 1976.

Hydro Power Potential

61. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is a fact that despite a massive potential of 90,000 MW of hydro power the share of hydro-electricity in the country has been declined from 30% to only 25% of the total power generation; and the hydro power potential to the tune of over 75% still remains to be exploited;

(b)if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c)the Ninth Plan targets fixed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) According to reassessment of hydroelectric project potential of major/ medium schemes carried out by Central Electricity Authority during 1978—87, the hydroelectric project potential of the country is assessed as 84,044 MW at 60% load factor for a total of 845 identified schemes. The corresponding installed capacity for these schemes is approximately 1,50000 MW.

The share of hydro power in the total installed capacity of the country rose up to 50.62% in 1963 and thereafter, experienced a steady decline. Hydro

power now accounts for only 25.69% of the total installed capacity.

(b) As on 31.3.1998. 22.31% of the assessed hydroelectric potential has either been exploited or is under various stages of construction. However, about 78% of the total assessed potential remains to be exploited.

The main reasons for decline of the hydel share are: resources crunch and cash flow problems; emphsis on thermal/ gas based projects due to longer gestation of hydro porjects; land acquisition and rehabilitation problems; law and order problems; dearth of good contractors; Inter-State disputes affecting execution of projects.

(c) A hydro capacity addition of 9,820 MW is anvisaged during the Ninth Plan [1997—2002].

Power Ordinance

62. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a)whether Government are aware of the discontent generated by its recent ordinance relating to power;

(b)if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c)the steps taken/contemplated to neutralise it?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) The Ordinance envisages the setting up of Central and State Electricity Regulatory Commissions. The primary functions of the Electricity Regulatory Commissions is to evolve a retail electricity tariff structure that is considered necessary for enhancing the overall efficiency of the power sector.

विद्युत उत्पादन विकास निधि से ऋण

63. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ल** : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या पिछले कुछ वर्षों के दौरान विद्युत उत्पादन में लगे निजी क्षेत्र के प्रमुख औद्योगिक घरानों को विद्युत उत्पादन विकास निधि से ऋण दिये गए थे;

(ख) यदि हां, तो मार्च, 1997 के अन्त में बकाया ऋणों का औद्योगिक घराने-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने ऋणों के भुगतान के लिए कोई समय-सीमा निर्धारित की है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ड़) सरकार द्वारा पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान निजी क्षेत्र के अन्तर्गत अनुसंधान और विकास कार्य के लिए विद्युत उत्पादन निधि से कितनी राशि का अनुदान और ऋण उपलब्ध कराया गया?

विधुत मंत्री (श्री रंगराजन कुमारमंगलम) : (क) विद्युत उत्पादन विकास निधि नामक कोई निधि नहीं है।

(ख) से (ड़) प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होते।

भांडेर विद्युत परियोजना

64. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेब** : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) राज्य में निजी क्षेत्र की भागीदारी से चलाई जा रही भांडेर विद्युत परियोजना की वर्तामान स्थिति क्या है;

(ख) उपरोक्त परियोजना की लागत और वार्षिक उत्पादन क्षमता कितनी है तथा सरकार ने इस परियोजना को किन-किन मानदंडों और शर्तों के अधीन स्वीकृति प्रदान की है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उक्त परियोजना के अन्तर्गत स्थानीय रोजगार को प्राथमिकता देने का कोई प्रावधान किया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो राज्य में स्थानीय स्तर पर कितनी संख्या में रोजगार के अवसर उपलब्ध कराए जाने की संभावना है?

विधुत मंत्री (श्री रंगराजन कुमारमंगलम) : (क) और (ख) मध्य प्रदेश राज्य में मैसर्स भांडेर पावर लिमिटेड द्वारा गठित किए जाने के लिए प्रस्तावित 342 में.वा. भांडेर संयुक्त साईकिल विद्युत केन्द्र को 197.622 मिलियन अमेरिकी डालर +346.514 करोड़ रु. की अनुमानित समग्र लागत पर केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण द्वारा तकनीकी आर्थिक मंजूरी प्रदान कर दी गई है। केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण द्वारा जिन शर्तों पर इस परियोजना को तकनीकी आर्थिक मंजूरी प्रदान की गई है वे अनुबंध में संलग्न है।

(ग) और (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही हैं और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।